

Ashley County Library

Hamburg, Arkansas

CITY OF HAMBURG - FACT SHEET

1. Year town was laid out (or platted) - 1909 - Bunn's Survey which was copied from the original. Date for original unavailable.
 2. Hamburg was founded (first settled and site chosen) October, 1849
(First court held in Fountain Hill)
 3. Hamburg was incorporated as a town December 14, 1854
 4. Hamburg was incorporated as a city of the second class October 22, 1941
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Ashley County was organized November 30, 1848 with Hamburg chosen as county seat as stated in item 2 above.

HAMBURG...

One would naturally suppose that Hamburg was named for the German city, but it received its name from an ~~old~~ episode. One of the commissioners appointed to select a name for it, killed a deer near the town site. The deer had a remarkable pair of hams, which caused the commissioners to hit upon the name.

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Hamburg was laid off and called a town by this group of commissioners November 30, 1848. It was then given the distinction of being the county seat of Ashley County and remains so today.